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The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
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Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and  
Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Chairman Merkley and Ranking Member Murkowski:

As you prepare the FY2022 Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request your consideration for the attached projects that are of particular importance to the State of New Jersey and to me. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

I recognize the complex and difficult decision-making process that confronts the Subcommittee during the finalization of the Appropriations bill, and look forward to working with you. Thank you for your consideration of these important projects.

Sincerely,



ROBERT MENENDEZ  
United States Senator

**Congressionally Directed Spending Requests Submitted to Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>INTENDED RECIPIENT (listed in alphabetical order)</b>	<b>INTENDED LOCATION</b>	<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>PROJECT PURPOSE</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED (in thousands, \$000)</b>
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Borough of East Newark	Borough of East Newark	Drinking Water System Improvements in the Borough of East Newark	The funding will be used to complete improvements to East Newark's potable water distribution system. Portions of this system, which serves 300 homes, are approximately 100 years old and therefore need to be upgraded to continue providing reliable and quality water service to residents of the Borough. Of the identified issues to be addressed, lead water service is the most urgent. By supplementing the cost of these much-needed repairs with federal funds, the Borough will be able to implement critical health and safety measures more quickly, protecting residents from the potentially harmful elements of the current water system.	\$337
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Borough of Paramus	Paramus	Rehabilitation of the Prospect Avenue Sewer Pump Station	The Borough of Paramus seeks funding to help upgrade three pumps within the Prospect Avenue Sewer Pump Station. The Prospect Avenue Sewer Pump Station has experienced increased demand as a result of new infrastructure within the Borough. Currently, this station handles 75% of the Borough's sewage flow, which then gets pumped to the Bergen County Utility Authority.	\$250
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Borough of Prospect Park	Prospect Park	Main Sewer Line Repair Project	The Borough of Prospect Park is requesting \$210,000.00 to implement the Main Sewer Line Repair Project. This is a high-priority, shovel-ready infrastructure rehabilitation project that will replace parts of a 90-year-old main sewer line that has experienced numerous problems in recent years. The scope of work includes replacing the outdated clay sewer pipe with a new PVC sanitary sewer pipe, brick manholes with new prefabricated concrete manholes, and existing house connections with new sewer clean outs. The project is located in the southern end of the Borough that borders the City of Paterson, in a low-income residential neighborhood. In addition to servicing Prospect Park residents, part of the sewer line also connects to homes located on the Paterson side of the border. Due to the problems with the outdated sewer line, residents on both sides of the border have had to deal with numerous problems such as clogging over the years. By fixing the problems with the sewer line, this project will benefit underserved residents in two municipalities. Furthermore, by addressing the problem before it gets worse, this project could prevent serious potential environmental and sanitary issues and save both municipalities money on costly emergency repairs down the line.	\$210
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Borough Of Red Bank	Red Bank	Red Bank's Lead Pipe Removal and Replacement Project	This funding will allow for the removal and replacement of existing pipes within the Borough which have lead goose necks which makes them lead service lines. There are 412 known lead pipes in the Borough that require replacement. project will be focused on the western side of the Borough which has a disproportionate number of low-income and minority residents, who have been historically underserved.	\$250
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Borough of Stanhope	Stanhope	Water Main Replacement on Sunset Avenue	The Borough of Stanhope in Sussex County, New Jersey requests funding to support the replacement of undersized water mains on Sunset Avenue, Ridge Road, and Overhill Road in Stanhope, NJ. The construction cost estimate for the project includes the removal of existing 4" water mains and installation of compliant 8" mains to improve the water quality and overall water flow. This project addresses public health and safety concerns including water quality, fire protection capacity, and reliability.	\$514
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Borough of Wharton	Wharton	Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation	The proposed improvements seek to replace aging infrastructure to provide our residents with reliable municipal services and a suitable living environment. The replacement of the sanitary sewer and water main will protect water quality to benefit both the environment and public health.	\$250
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	City of Burlington	Burlington	Kennedy Lake Dredging - Storm water management	This project entails dredging of Kennedy Lake in order to maximize stormwater storage. Currently, Kennedy Lake is filled with silt that lowers stormwater storage capability. The lake will be dredged to increase storage capacity. The lake receives and manages a 1,200 acre drainage area and this project will benefit water quality. Approximately, 80 percent of the City is within the 100-year flood hazard area, making stormwater control and water quality critical to residents, businesses and public services.	\$250
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	City of Hackensack	Hackensack	Clay Street Combined Sewer Separation Project	The City's old, overburdened Combined Sewer System (CSS) and tidal influence of the Hackensack River lead to frequent Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) and severe localized flooding in public right of ways during wet weather events, also known as CSS surcharging. The City is requesting funding for the installation of stormwater infrastructure that will facilitate CSS separation efforts. It is important to recognize that the CSS contains both collected stormwater runoff and sewage from the throughout the City, so when the system backs up and floods the public streets or overflows into the Hackensack River it is extremely detrimental to public health and the environment.	\$1,000
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	City of Hammonton	Hammonton	Sanitary Sewer System Study & Rehabilitation	The Town of Hammonton is requesting funding to investigate and implement preventative repair and reconstruction to the sanitary sewer system infrastructure. Funding will be used for three phases of the project: to study the sanitary sewer system for deterioration and damage and plan for interventive measures; to implement select repairs and slip-lining in identified areas of need, and to evaluate the effects of the repairs made to the system on the overall capacity of the water treatment facilities. These steps are being taken as a preventative measure to prevent a state-directed moratorium on economic and residential growth in the Town.	\$395
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	City of Newark	Newark	Water Loss Monitoring Program	The City of Newark has a repair and replacement program scheduled for its water distribution infrastructure; however, it is requesting funding to purchase permanent acoustic leak detection equipment to both help guide and prioritize the replacement program as well as help the City to find small leaks and repair them before they become large breaks. Newark's unaccounted for water loss is over double the industry standard and likely the result of leaks in the water distribution system which may have been exacerbated by the replacement of over 19,000 lead service lines. The Water Loss Monitoring Program will provide for conservation of water, reduction of energy costs for pumping and treatment, and reduced costs for chemicals resulting in more stable utility bills for customers.	\$491

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Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	City of Plainfield	Plainfield	Storm Sewer Installation	The City of Plainfield has identified multiple streets where there are considerable concerns regarding flooding and stormwater run-off issues. The proposed project would include installation of a comprehensive storm sewer system that would limit these flooding and drainage problems and repaving two of the included streets, which would ultimately help to keep our residents safe.	\$1,000
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	City of Vineland	Vineland	Chestnut Avenue Rehabilitation	This project provides for improvements to and to rehabilitate 3.5 miles of Chestnut Avenue in Vineland, New Jersey, updating the current drainage system. The current drainage system is inadequate, leading to significant accumulations of precipitation during moderate to heavy weather events.	\$1,000
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	City of Woodbury	Woodbury	Environmental Assessment	The former Tartan Textiles building, located at 458 Morris Street in southern Woodbury, is the site of a former commercial laundry and dry-cleaning business that operated for nearly a century. Because of its history, it is suspected that there is subsurface contamination in the area caused by the chemicals used for these operations, included suspected chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOs), arsenic, and heavy-metal contamination. The funding will be used to conduct a Phase I and Phase II environmental assessment of the site so the city can better understand - and work to mitigate - the environmental threats posed by this site on the surrounding residential areas.	\$118
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	City of Woodbury	Woodbury	Storm Water Sewer System Reconstruction	This project will address the crumbling storm water sewer system infrastructure in the City of Woodbury. The deterioration of this system has lead to potential collapse and public safety hazards in three (3) target areas. This is a proactive project and will prevent the collapse of these sections during severe weather, resulting in a reduction of public health hazards and damage to public and private property due to the deterioration of this century-old infrastructure.	\$500
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	County of Bergen	Rutherford	Jackson Avenue/Riverside Avenue Drainage Improvements	The Jackson Avenue/Riverside Avenue Drainage Improvements Project includes the replacement of a 60" corrugated metal pipe in Jackson Avenue and Riverside Avenue. This aged and deteriorated pipe is failing and requires replacement with reinforced concrete pipe meeting current standards. Related catch basins and manholes will also require replacement. The scope of the project is expected to be fully contained within the existing roadway. In times of heavy rains and storms, this roadway can flood and does not drain properly, which can pose a serious safety hazard. This deteriorating pipe also does not meet current standards, and its replacement with the reinforced concrete pipe will remedy this concern. By replacing this pipe, the County will rectify drainage concerns from area residents and drivers utilizing the roadway.	\$250
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Monmouth University	West Long Branch	Coastal Resilience Planning Support for EJ Communities	New Jersey coastal communities, like most US coastal communities are increasingly faced with severe threats from climate change, sea level rise and coastal hazards that disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities. Local government action is critical for implementation of effective coastal resilience, yet municipalities and counties often lack the technical and financial means to proactively prepare for and confront sea-level rise and other climate impacts. These deficiencies are further amplified in socially vulnerable and environmental justice communities.  The objective of the Coastal Resilience Planning Support for EJ Communities project is to develop a community engagement and planning process for local resilience planning in environmental justice and socially vulnerable communities through an inclusive co-production framework. Technical assistance will be provided by partners of the New Jersey Coastal Resilience Collaborative - a partnership of stakeholders and interested parties from all sectors, including state and private universities, non-profit, national estuary programs and reserves, advocacy groups, state agencies and regional planning groups, established to foster sustainable and resilient coastal communities. The engagement framework will provide financial support through stipends, engagement of civic leaders to build trust, and access to all community members to uplift the most vulnerable community members and provide them with a "seat at the table" that will ensure that their voices and input are recognized and integrated into the resilience plan for the community.	\$460
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Ramapough Mountain Indians	Mahwah	Stag Hill Environmental Clean Up and Restoration	This area in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York is the home of both an environmentally important and sensitive area and the Ramapough people, descendants of the original people of the area. Though coming under the protection of the NJ Highlands Act, the area has been subjected to decades of massive illegal dumping including to the present time though on a smaller scale. Most of the waste appears to be solid waste.  The project seeks to prevent new dumping while continuing and significantly boosting local efforts at cleaning up the area that have already removed massive amounts of material. One site is estimated at 1/4 mile in length with some waste up to 5 feet in depth. The project seeks to remediate space to create green space for public use. Funding will be used for prevention of future dumping, remediation through purchase or leasing heavy equipment to remove extensive past solid waste material, hire workers, and create green space for public use and indigenous culture.	\$250
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Ramapough Mountain Indians	Mahwah	Ramapough Munsee Burial Ground Protection and Restoration	Funding is requested for security for the burial grounds and sacred sites from illegal dumping and off road vehicle use, clean up of existing dump sites within area, road restoration and maintenance, documentation, restoration of sites, and protection. The Ramapough Munsee burial grounds are an excellent candidate for a global world heritage site. Numerous small stone structures there date to at least 5,000 years. The burial ground itself has hundreds, if not over 1000, burial sites. The burial grounds need protection from illegal dumping and off road use, restoration, documentation, and a plan for continuing maintenance and care	\$250
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Ridgewood Water	Ridgewood	Ridgewood Water Drinking Water Treatment Facilities Construction	The funding will be utilized for the engineering design, procurement, construction and administration of the new PFAS treatment plants, helping provide PFAS free drinking water to the residents of the Borough of Glen Rock, Borough of Midland Park, Village of Ridgewood and Township of Wyckoff.	\$1,000

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Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Sparta Township	Sparta	Sparta Wastewater Treatment Project	<p>The Township of Sparta is requesting funds to complete a comprehensive wastewater capital project that will provide significant environmental benefits and drastically improve our operational efficiency. Presently, the Township has an existing treatment plant at White Deer Plaza that is well beyond its usable service life and puts the nearby Wallkill River at risk of contamination. The proposed wastewater treatment project will eliminate the current threat to the quality of the Wallkill River, a tributary of the Hudson River that drains into Lake Mohawk in Sparta.</p> <p>The proposed project will entail the elimination of the Township's existing treatment plant, the installation of two pump stations and conveyance systems, and the upgrade to a utility supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system. Upgrading our control systems will ensure that all data is collected in a central location to provide long-term resilience and security. This project will eliminate the current threat to the quality of the Wallkill River, a tributary of the Hudson River that drains into Lake Mohawk in Sparta.</p>	\$250
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Township of Bloomfield	Bloomfield	Bloomfield Lead Service Line Replacement	<p>The Township is seeking to replace 30 lines along Main Terrace, an area that is home to traditionally underserved populations who may not have the financial means to upgrade their water system. Nearly 88% of all homes in Bloomfield have potential lead hazards, as they were built before 1978. Now serving a population of nearly 50,000 residents, the Township recognizes the obligation to restore the water service in our community by replacing all lead pipes, a serious health concern for our residents.</p>	\$255
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	Willingboro	WMUA Water Treatment Plant Microgrid	<p>The funding will be used to add co-generation and battery storage as two additional legs of a three-pronged microgrid system. This project is specifically designed to support on leg of a microgrid that will allow the Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority (WMUA) to keep it's Wastewater Treatment Plant on-line and running at full capacity during extended grid power outages.</p>	\$600